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Better Late than Never.

Affected with a sudden spasm of virtue, the authorities of New York have caused the arrest and indictment of the Woodhull and Claflin women, for publishing obscene books. We do not forget the proverb that it is never too late to mend, but we must also bear in mind the fact that these same women have been publishing an obscene paper for two or three years. If they have now exceeded the licence which characterized the infamous sheet styled *Woodhull and Claflin's Weekly*, they must have struck out an entirely new path in the field of obscene literature. In the publication referred to they have openly and in the most pointed and deliberate manner espoused the doctrines of free love, otherwise known as promiscuous prostitution. It is a matter of rejoicing that the tardy law has at last been aroused to a sense of the rights of public decency, and it is to be hoped that the prosecution of these abominable creatures will be pressed. The impunity with which they have pursued their shameless course in the past, and the absence of all formal protest against the dissimulation by them of the most outrageously lewd and filthy doctrines, have tended to fix a stigma upon the community that regarded such proceedings with indifference. Inasmuch as they have from the first manifested an ignorance or a defiance of the bounds that separate freedom of speech from licentiousness, there has never been any reason for holding them guiltless. Their unrestrained insolence has had the effect of encouraging the foolish and the vicious in the propagation and the cultivation of the most debasing and demoralizing ideas, and they have acted as a focus for all the scum of nastiness that rises to the top of such discussions as they have engaged in. It is not a sign of advancing civilization when such notorious characters as these are able to appeal to public opinion for the support of flagrant immorality, nor can we admit that the

spasm of virtue which was lead to their arrest and indictment is indicative of a real change for the better. When the publication of such doctrines as they are identified with calls down immediate and indignant censure, and is promptly followed by repressive measures, we shall begin to entertain some hope that the tone of morals is improving in the great centers of population. In the meanwhile we are fain to confess that the recent proceedings only forced upon us a renewed wonder that the defendants should have been let alone as long as they have been.—*Sac. Record.*

The Death Rate and National Disturbances.

Great wars or other national convulsions are followed by an increase in the rate of sudden, violent and unnatural deaths. Oliver Wendell Holmes, soon after the out-break of our own civil war, predicted that deaths from heart-disease would for many years exceed their old proportion in the total mortality and the result has verified his prophecy, which, indeed, was on a familiar medical experience. We incline to think that careful statistics would show alike increase in deaths from violence and self-destruction. The fact is well attested, so far as concerns suicides, which in France, during the past year, have caused a death record unprecedented and prodigious. A calculation made for Paris alone shows the almost incredible result of 4,177 suicides since 1871. A detailed classification ascribes the largest number, 1,377, as might be expected, to derangement of the brain. Next come 930 suicides from "physical sufferings"—the strongest temptation, one would think, to defy the "canon against self-slaughter," but one more prevalent in France than in our own land, we judge. Disappointed love caused 701 suicides, family quarrels are credited 512; extreme destitution with 383; fear of punishment with 22; while delirium tremens, resulting from the excessive use of absinthe, drove no less than 232 victims to voluntary death.—*Lippincott.*

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